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MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS BOOK DISCUSSION

San Diego, CA... The San Diego Public Library will host a book discussion on *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, by Tracy Kidder, on Monday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street. This event is free to the public.

Henry Janssen, Ph. D., an emeritus professor at San Diego State University will facilitate the discussion.

In *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Tracy Kidder tells the powerful and inspiring story of Dr. Paul Farmer, who, in 1987, with the help of friends—including a quiet, Boston philanthropist—co-founded Partners In Health, a non profit organization which has addressed the medical needs of hundreds of thousands of patients in Haiti, Peru, Russia and Boston, Massachusetts, as well as changed the way the medical world approaches the treatment of diseases such as multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis and AIDS. The philosophy that permeates all of Farmer's work is that "the only real nation is humanity," a belief also embodied in Partners In Health. *Mountains Beyond Mountains* follows Farmer from the United States to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia, always changing minds and practices. At the heart of Kidder's book is the story of a life based on hope and the understanding of the Haitian proverb "Beyond mountains there are mountains"; in other words, as you solve one problem, another problem appears, and so you go on and try to solve that one too.

Participants who need to borrow copies of the book may pick them up in the History Section of the Central Library or they may place a copy of the book on hold on the Library's online catalog, www.sandiegolibrary.org, using their library card and PIN.

This event is presented in part by San Diego State's *Common Experience*. A primary, overarching goal of the San Diego State University *Common Experience*,

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http://www.kpbs.org/arts_events/books/one_book and the San Diego Public Library,
<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/onebook.shtml> , One Book One San Diego initiative, is to promote sustained, multiple conversations, on a common theme, both in and out of the classroom, in such a manner as to connect students, faculty, staff, and the broader community. Please, join the conversation.

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